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Annual Review: History of St. Louis, Commercial Statistics, Improvements of the year, and Account of the leading Manufactures, &c. Jan. 1854. St. Louis. 8vo.—*Donor unknown.*

Mr. Fraley announced the recent death of Sir James Wylie, of St. Petersburg, a member of this Society, aged 85 years.

In connection with this announcement, Dr. F. Bache mentioned to the Society that on his late visit to Europe he called upon Sir James Wylie, in St. Petersburg, and in conversation with Sir James, on the events of his long and active life, that gentleman referred to a brief account of the principal incidents in his public and official career as a military surgeon in the Russian service, written by himself; of which paper he kindly permitted Dr. Bache to take a copy. This paper was read to the Society.

Judge Kane referred to the unusual number of icebergs in the Atlantic during the last few months, as reported by recent navigators. He infers, from this, that the spring of 1853, in the Arctic regions, was more mild, or the Arctic waters more open than usual,—this floating ice coming from Baffin's bay;—and considers that from this apparent indication of the season in the northern regions, we have reason to suppose that Dr. Kane may have made more progress in his Arctic explorations than could have been done in an ordinary season.

The Judge illustrated his remarks by reference to a recent chart of the Arctic regions, with regard to the geographical and physical features of the coast in that portion of the globe.

Stated Meeting, April 21.

Present, thirteen members.

Judge KANE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From the Royal Academy of Sciences at Stockholm, dated Nov. 1, 1853; from the Central Physical Observatory of Russia, dated St. Petersburg, Dec. 13, 1853; from the Royal Geographical Society of London, dated 3 Waterloo Place, Dec.

13, 1853; returning thanks for Vol. X. Part 2, of the Transactions:—

From the Imperial Academy of Sciences at Vienna, dated 24th Nov. 1853, acknowledging the receipt of Transactions, Vol. X. Part 2, and Proceedings Nos. 47, 48.

From the Royal Institution, London, dated Albemarle Street, Sept. 1, 1853; from the Geological Society, dated Somerset House, Nov. 3, 1853; from the Royal Geographical Society, dated 11th January, 1854, returning thanks for No. 48 of the Proceedings:—

From the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, dated Boston, 15th April, 1854, returning acknowledgments for Transactions. Vol. X. part 3, and Proceedings Nos. 49, 50:—

From the Corporation of Harvard College, dated Cambridge, March 27, 1854, acknowledging the receipt of Vol. X. Part 1, of the Transactions:—

From the Imperial Society of Naturalists of Moscow, dated 13th Sept. 1853; from the Imperial Academy of Sciences at Vienna, dated 10th Nov. 1853; from the Imperial Geological Institute, dated Vienna, 21st Nov. 1853; from the Royal Academy of Sciences at Stockholm, dated 23d Nov. 1853; from the Baron J. Von Hammer Purgstall, dated Vienna, 29th Dec. 1853; from the Royal Institution, dated Albemarle Street, London, Dec. 12, 1853; from the Royal Danish Society of Sciences, dated Copenhagen, 21st Dec. 1853; from Dr. N. B. Shurtleff, dated Boston, 15th April, 1854; severally announcing or accompanying donations for the library of the Society: and—

From the Rev. Eleazar Williams, dated Philadelphia, April 18, 1854, in relation to a manuscript Grammar of the Iroquois language, placed in the hands of Mr. Du Ponceau in the year 1838, with a view to its publication by the Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Jahrbuch der Kaiserlich—Königlichen Geologischen Reichenanstalt. 1853. IV. Jahrgang. No. 2. April, Mai, Juni. Wien. 4to.—

From the Imperial Geological Institute, Vienna.

Sitzungsberichte der Kaiserlichen Akademie der Wissenschaften. Phil. Hist. Classe, Band X. 5 Heft: Band XI. 1, 2 Heft.—Math.

- Nat. Classe, Band XI. 1, 2 Hef. Wien. 8vo.—*From the Imperial Academy of Sciences, Vienna.*
- Kongl. Vetenskaps—Akademiens Handlingar, för år 1851.
- Ofversigt af Kongl. Vetenskaps-Akademiens Förhandlingar. Årg. 9, 1852.
- Berättelse om Framstegen i Vertebrerade Djurens Naturalhistoria och Ethnografien under åren 1845–1850. Afgifven till Kongl. Vet. Akad. af Carl J. Sundevall, 1853.
- Register öfver de till Kongl. Vetenskaps—Akad. af J. E. Wikström afgifna Års—Berättelser i Botanik för Åren 1820 till och med 1838, af N. J. Anderson. Stockholm. 8vo.—*From the Royal Academy of Sciences, Stockholm.*
- Det Kongelige Danske Videnskabernes Selskabs Skrifter. Femte Række. Naturvidenskabelig og Mathematisk Afdeling. III. Bind. Kiöbenhavn, 1853. 4to.—*From the Royal Danish Society of Sciences.*
- Tables du Soleil, exécutées d'après les ordres de la Société Royale des Sciences de Copenhague: par MM. P. A. Hanson et C. F. R. Olufsen. Copenhague, 1853. 4to.—*From the same.*
- Annales de l'Observatoire Physique Central de Russie: publiées par ordre de Sa Majesté l'Empereur Nicolas I. Par. A. T. Kupffer, Directeur de l'Observatoire Physique Central. Année 1850. Nos. 1, 2. St. Petersburg, 1853. 4to.—*From the Observatory.*
- Compte—Rendu Annuel, adressé à S. Exc. M. de Brock, Ministre des Finances, par le Directeur de l'Observatoire Physique Central, A. T. Kupffer. Année 1852. St. Petersburg, 1853. 4to.—*From the same.*
- Bulletin de la Société Impériale des Naturalistes de Moscou. Année 1852. Moscow, 1853. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Journal of the Royal Geographical Society. Vol. XXIII. And General Index to the second ten volumes of the Journal. London, 1853. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Notices of the Meetings of the Members of the Royal Institution of Great Britain. Part III. Nov. 1852—July, 1853. And List of the Members, Officers, &c. of the Institution, with the Report of the Visitors for the year 1852. London, 1853. 8vo.—*From the Institution.*
- Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh: Vol. XX. Part 4. Edinburgh, 1852–3. 4to.
- Proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh: Session 1852–3. Vol. III. No. 43. Edinburgh. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

- Astronomical Observations** made by the Rev. Thomas Catton, B.D. of St. John's College, Cambridge. Reduced and printed under the superintendence of George Biddell Airy, Esq. Astronomer Royal. London, 1853. 8vo.—*From the Royal Society.*
- Proceedings of the Geological and Polytechnic Society of the West Riding of Yorkshire, 1852. Leeds, 1853. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Thirty-third Report of the Council of the Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society, at the close of the Session 1852–3. Leeds. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Almanaque Nautico para el año 1855, calculado de orden de S. M. en el Observatorio de Marina de la ciudad de San Fernando. San Fernando, 1853. 8vo.—*From the Observatory.*
- Journal of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. New Series. Vol. II. Part 4. Philadelphia, 1854. 4to.—*From the Academy.*
- Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society. Vol. VII. No. 2. 1854.—*From the Society.*
- Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XXVII. No. 4. April, 1854. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*
- The African Repository. Vol. XXX. Nos. 3, 4. March, April, 1854. Washington. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*
- Das Arabische Hohe Lied der Liebe, in text und übersetzung zum ersten male herausgegeben, von Hammer Purgstall. Wien. 1854. 8vo.—*From Baron Von Hammer Purgstall.*
- Records of the Governor and Company of Massachusetts Bay in New England. Printed by order of the Legislature. Edited by N. B. Shurtleff, M.D.—*From N. B. Shurtleff, M.D.*
- Eleventh Report to the Legislature of Massachusetts, relating to the Registry and Returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths in the Commonwealth, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1853. By E. M. Wright, Secretary of the Commonwealth. Boston, 1853. 8vo.—*From the same.*
- Rules and Regulations of the Public Library of the City of Boston. Adopted Nov. 8, 1853. Boston. 8vo.—*From the same.*
- Archimedes and Franklin: A Lecture introductory to a Course on the Application of Science to Art, delivered before the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics' Association, Nov. 29, 1853. By Robert C. Winthrop. Boston. 8vo.—*From the same.*
- Electric Science: its History, Phenomena and Applications. By F. C. Bakewell. London, 1853. 8vo.—*From Dr. L. Turnbull.*

On motion of Mr. Fraley, the Librarian was authorized and directed to return to the Rev. Eleazar Williams, the manuscript copy of a Grammar of the Iroquois language, referred to in his letter read this evening, which manuscript was received by the Society, as stated in the letter, and was ordered to be published in the Transactions of the Historical and Literary Committee; but as the publications of that Committee have been suspended, the order has not yet been carried out.

Mr. Fraley announced the death of William Strickland, a member of this Society, who died at Nashville, Tennessee, on the sixth of the present month:—

And, on motion, Judge Kane was requested to prepare an obituary notice of the deceased member.

The Society then proceeded to the stated business of the meeting, the balloting for candidates for membership.

The Committee on the preparation of enlarged accommodations for the library reported progress.

At the request of Professor Reed, he was excused from the preparation of an obituary notice of the late Professor James G. Thomson.

All other business having been concluded, the ballot boxes were opened, and the following named gentlemen were declared by the presiding officer to be duly elected members of the Society:—

BENJAMIN GERHARD, of Philadelphia.

ELIAS DURAND, do.

WILLIAM V. KEATING, M.D. do.

JOSHUA I. COHEN, M.D. of Baltimore.

LORD MAHON, of England.

JAMES LENOX, of New York.

ELI K. PRICE, of Philadelphia.

CONSTANT GILLOU, do.